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Applicant(s) : Earl G. Powell  
Serial No. : 09/523,366  
Filed : March 10, 2000  
For : VACUUM PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING  
COMPONENTS  
Examiner : Richard A. Booth  
Group Art Unit : 2812

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 31, 2002, applicant submits this amendment to place the above identified application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, in better condition for appeal.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, 23, 24 and 26 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A vacuum processing system,  
comprising:

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Request for One-Month Extension of Time

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1696
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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